

REMARKS

At the time of the January 6, 2010 Final Office Action, Claims 11-13, 16, and 18-23 were pending, and Claims 1-10, 14-15 and 17 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. In the Final Office Action, Claims 20, 22, and 23 were objected to and Claims 11-13, 16, 18-19, and 21 were allowed.¹ Claims 20, 22, and 23 are herein amended. Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

Claim Objections

Claim 20 was objected due to a typographical error “one of the defined groups group.” Applicant has corrected this typographical error.

Claim 22 was objected to as being dependent on cancelled Claim 14. Applicants have corrected the dependency of dependent Claims 22 and 23, which now depend from independent Claim 21.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully requests that these objections be withdrawn.

Double Patenting

Dependent Claim 23 is objected to as being a substantial duplicate of dependent Claim 16. As discussed above, Applicants have corrected the dependency of dependent Claim 23 to depend from independent Claim 21, rather than independent Claim 11.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Amendments Should Be Entered

All amendments presented herein simply address clerical matters and do not necessitate further prior art searching or consideration of the claimed subject matter. Thus, Applicants submit that the amendments presented herein should be entered.

All Claims are Allowable

In view of the allowed claims and the amendments and remarks above, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now allowable.

¹ The Examiner indicated on the cover of the Final Office Action that Claims 21-23 were objected to and Claims 11-13, 16 and 18-21 were allowed. However, based on the specific objections discussed in the body of the Final Office Action (namely, objections to Claims 20, 22, and 23), Applicants believe that the Examiner intended to indicate that Claims 20, 22, and 23 were objected to and Claims 11-13, 16, 18-19, and 21 were allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicants believe no fees are due; however, should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for any additional extensions of time, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit said fees from Deposit Account No. 50-4871.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.457.2030.

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